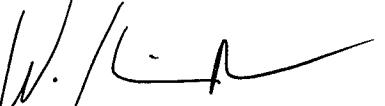


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and correct typographical errors.

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